

2020 USAD Nationals Awards Distribution

Individual Event Awards

Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded in each Division I, II, III and IV to the first, second and third place students from the honor, scholastic and varsity categories in each event. All ties will be awarded.

Individual Overall Awards

Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded to U.S. team participants in Division I, II, III and IV to the first, second and third place students from the honor, scholastic and varsity categories with the highest cumulative scores from all 10 events. Scholarships shall be awarded to the overall individual winners.

Overall Team Awards

Gold, silver and bronze medals and championship trophies and banners will be presented to the first, second and third place teams in Division I, II, III and IV. Plaques will be awarded to the fourth-place team in Division I, II, III and IV. Team scores are determined by the two highest honor, scholastic and varsity scores for all 10 events.

Super Quiz™ Team Awards

Trophies and medals will be awarded to the first-place teams in Division I, II, III and IV with the highest raw score for all nine students in the Super Quiz.

B. Franklin Reinauer II Economics Prize

This award is presented to the highest scoring U.S. team participant in economics overall from Division I, II, III or IV.

Asa Edwin Reaves, Esq. Social Science Prize

This award will be given to the highest scoring U.S. varsity team members from Division I, II, III or IV in the area of social science.

Frank Wurtzel Prize

This award will be given to the varsity student who has the highest combined score in the areas of literature, essay and speech from Division I, II, III or IV.

Rookie of the Year Award

This award is presented to the highest scoring rookie U.S. team in Division I, II, III and IV, defined as a team that has not competed at Nationals for 10 or more years.

Norman Katz Communications Award

This award is presented to the U.S. team participant with the highest combined total scores in the speech and interview events from Division I, II, III or IV.

Jerry Helgeson Community Service Award

This award is presented to the U.S. Academic Decathlon team who demonstrates outstanding commitment to community service as evidenced by their application.

Founder's Scholarship: Most Improved Varsity Student

This award is presented to a varsity U.S. team participant in Division I, II, III and IV who has improved his/her score the most at Nationals from his/her state competition score.

The Highest Scoring Student Award

This award is presented to the highest scoring student on each U.S. and international team in Division I, II, III and IV.

Most Valuable Team Member

A medal will be presented to the decathlete who was chosen by his/her teammates as the most valuable team member from U.S. and international teams in Division I, II, III and IV.

The Kristin Caperton Inspiration Awards

Two Kristin Caperton Inspiration Awards are given by the USAD Board of Director's to United States team participants who demonstrate a high degree of dedication, performance, strength of character, team leadership, perseverance and commitment while overcoming significant obstacles or unusual circumstances to participate in the United States Academic Decathlon. The Board welcomes nominations from USAD coaches during the course of each competition year, and appropriate public recognition will be determined for the most deserving nominees.

The Dr. Robert D. Peterson National Championship Award

This award will be given to the U.S. team from Division I, II or III with the highest overall score and that team shall be proclaimed the National Champion.